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FOR

Tuesday, March 04, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2946/'12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state separately, for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
 - (i) the amount of funds allocated for Higher Education in the Budget;
 - (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on Higher Education;
 - (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were really spent;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on Higher Education and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
 - (v) the Budget Heads to which the money allocated for Higher Education in the Budgets have been transferred?
- (b) If not, why?

3083/'12

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the types of cigarettes, the prices of which have escalated corresponding to the increase in the per capita Gross Domestic Product from the year 2002 to 2011;
 - (ii) if there are any types of cigarettes the prices of which have not escalated so, what they are;
 - (iii) the amount by which the price of the cigarette of the brand Dunhill went up in March 2012; and
 - (iv) separately, the revenue received by the government and the Tobacco Company by selling one cigarette as a result of the above price hike?

(2)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the total number of cigarettes sold in Sri Lanka in the years 2010 and 2011; and
- (ii) of the percentage of the increase or decrease of the sale of cigarettes as per the above figures?

(c) If not, why?

3381/'12

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the procedure followed in the payment of compensation for persons who succumb due to wild elephant attacks;
- (ii) the year of commencement of the payment of the aforesaid compensation;
- (iii) the amount of money paid for a person as compensation;
- (iv) whether that amount is adequate;
- (v) whether steps would be taken to increase that amount; and
- (vi) if so, what that increased amount would be and when the said amount would be increased?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether compensation is paid for the crop loss caused by the wild elephants;
- (ii) the amount of the compensation so paid;
- (iii) the mechanism followed in the assessment of that crop loss; and
- (iv) whether an insurance scheme is in effect to cover the crop losses and other losses caused to farmers due to wild elephant attacks ?

(c) Will he further state—

- (i) whether laws are in effect so that a person who kills an elephant by shooting, electrocuting or by any other means could be imposed of a fine or any other punishment;
- (ii) if so, the amount of the fine that could be imposed under the aforesaid laws; and
- (iii) the period for which a person who refuses to pay that fine be imprisoned?

(d) If not, why?

3630/'13

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a dearth of lecturers at the Faculty of Management;
 - (ii) of the number of Professors at the aforesaid faculty;
 - (iii) whether there is a dearth of lecturers and other members of the academic staff at the Faculty of Geomatics; and
 - (iv) whether there is a dearth of lecturers at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages;
 of the University of Sabaragamuwa?
- (b) If not, why?

4092/'13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of workshops that have been conducted by the Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka for the students trained under the Authority in the year 2013 in Colombo;
 - (ii) the dates on which such workshops were conducted and the number of students that attended each of the workshops;
 - (iii) the objectives of the workshops;
 - (iv) the resource persons who participated in these workshops; and
 - (v) the amounts spent for expenses including transport, meals, lecture fees separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4220/'13

6.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of full-time members of the Sri Lanka Judges Institute;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money spent by that Institution in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012; and
 - (iii) whether an investment has been made by the government to improve the quality of Judges in Sri Lanka?

(4)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a decision had been taken while Hon. Athauda Seneviratne was the Minister of Justice to establish a university level institution to train Judges similar to the system prevailing in countries like India and Malaysia;
- (ii) whether he is in agreement with the idea of establishing a university level institution to train Judges; and
- (iii) if so, the steps that would be taken in that regard?

(c) If not, why?

4605/'13

7.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether—

- (i) the Sections 63(1) to 63(4) of the Land Acquisition Act No. 09 of 1950 have been violated by the Regulations published in the Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 1596/12 dated April 07, 2009 ;
- (ii) the aforesaid Regulations are binding or of any force;
- (iii) the said Regulations have been approved by the Parliament and made in accordance with the Section 63(3) of the aforesaid Act; and
- (iv) they are unlawful and invalid?

(b) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Regulations referred to in (a) (i) have been unlawfully published in the Gazette disregarding the Parliamentary approval mandated by the Section 63(3) of the Land Acquisition Act; and
- (ii) the right to have payment of the market value for the lands acquired for public purposes have been deprived and denied by the aforesaid Regulations?

(c) Will he also state whether a Gazette notification will be issued afresh, cancelling the Regulations imposed by the Gazette No. 1596/12 of April 07, 2009?

(d) If not, why?

4629/'13

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the Land Reform Commission has allotted to the Urban Development Authority some portion out of the lands administered by the Balangoda Plantation Company and located within the limits of Ratnapura New Town for distribution among low income earners and public servants;
- (ii) if so, the total extent of such land;
- (iii) the number of lots that are to be distributed; and
- (iv) the assessed value of a perch of land so proposed to be distributed?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the name of each of the public servants to whom plots of lands are proposed to be awarded, the designation last held by him or her and the extent of land scheduled to be allotted to him or her;
- (ii) the name of each of the low income earners from among the recipients of the lands referred to above, his or her monthly income and the extent of land he or she is to receive; and
- (iii) in the case of the proposed recipients of lands who have made payments in this regard, if any, the name and the number of the account to which the payments have thus been paid?

(c) If not, why?

3114/'12

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Puttalam District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

(6)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, acreages and values of the government lands in the Puttalam District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
- (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
- (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Puttalam District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
- (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?

(d) If not, why ?

3379/'12

10.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately and on the basis of each District, the number of hospitals administered by the North-Central Provincial Council;
- (ii) separately, the approved cadre including the approved number of doctors, nurses, labourers and other staff in each such hospital; and
- (iii) out of the above hospitals, the number of hospitals with vacancies in the approved cadre existing under each hospital?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money allocated by the North Central Provincial Council to the Ministry of Health of that province in 2012;
- (ii) of the services discharged in hospitals out of that amount;
- (iii) of the number of patients who have received treatment from each of the hospitals in the North-Central Province in 2012; and
- (iv) as a whole, the amount of money spent by the North Central Province on each patient who received treatment during that year ?

(c) If not, why ?

3395/'12

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority deducts an amount of Rs. 50/= from the monthly salary of the Samurdhi officers and managers to subscribe to the fund that was set up to ensure their social security; and
- (ii) the aforesaid fund does not entertain Samurdhi Social Security claims for about a period of two years?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the balance of the account opened for that fund by now;
- (ii) the number of persons who have been paid the, claims from that fund after 30 June 2012;
- (iii) the amount of money spent for that; and
- (iv) whether immediate action will be taken to settle claims that have not been paid up to now?

(c) If not, why?

3908/'13

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately the number of kraals and abattoirs in Dandugama area close to Ja_Ela town in the Gampaha District;
- (ii) of the system in place to dispose of the Bio-waste that gets constantly accumulated in this area; and
- (iii) whether there is any environmental or Health conservation programme in place in relation to such waste?

(b) If not, why?

4093/'13

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the basis on which the fares of semi-luxury passenger transport service has been calculated;
- (ii) the standards set for the semi-luxury passenger transport service;
- (iii) the course of action that will be followed with regard to the buses that do not meet those standards; and
- (iv) the number of buses that were dealt with such a course of action during the past 3 years?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that other buses similar to semi-luxury buses run at normal fares;
- (ii) whether an additional amount of money is charged through semi-luxury buses;
- (iii) what courses of action have been taken in line with the statement by the Minister with regard to the termination of the semi-luxury bus service; and
- (iv) what their results are?

(c) If not, why?

3131/'12

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state pertaining to the Jaffna District—

- (i) all lands allocated to or alienated or forcefully handed over to since 1st January 2012; and
- (ii) the reason for the taking over or transferring the aforesaid lands compensating the people ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether state colonization is going on in the said district; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons for doing so?

(c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that the President in his Budget Speech-2013 stated that an allowance of Rs. 5000/= will be given to the 1980 July strikers who have passed 65 years of age?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the families of the 1980 July strikers live amidst severe economic hardships for more than 32 years; and
 - (ii) the fact that the majority of the aforesaid strikers have passed away by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will take action—
 - (i) to reduce the proposed age limit of those who are entitled to that allowance mentioned in above (a) from 65 to 55 and provide relief to those families; and
 - (ii) to give that allowance to the widow or a child of the deceased July striker?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act, No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1846/16 of 21st January 2014, which were presented on 19.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 read with Sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24 A of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1833/27 of 24th October 2013, which were presented on 19.02.2014, be approved.

*3.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/35 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/36 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Minister of Investment Promotion,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Investment Promotion under sub-section (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 as amended, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1847/37 of 30th January 2014, which was presented on 18.02.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*7.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*9.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act (No.2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with subsection (2) of Section 5 and Section 19 of the aforesaid Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/31 of 31st July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*10.

The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Regulations under the Employees' Provident Fund Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations under Section 46 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 as amended from time to time and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1810/20 of 13th May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*11.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1616/23 of 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

13.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

15.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*
